BIG ARTS 2022 Classical Music Scholarship

Students who have professional goals to pursue training in classical music instruments, including piano may apply. The purpose of this scholarship is to award highly proficient and talented students who plan to continue their classical music studies and training. This scholarship may be awarded to up to three students annually, in the amounts of $25,000 (1st prize); $15,000 (2nd prize); and $10,000 (3rd prize) respectively.

Classical musical instruments include:
- Piano
- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass
- Winds: Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Flute, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
- Percussion students who have a focus in orchestral instruments

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate classical music program at a University or College in the state of Florida (as of Fall 2021).
- Graduate students are not applicable at this time.

Application Procedure:
1. Complete the scholarship application via www.mykaleidoscope.com
2. The following is needed for the application process:
   a. One-page essay describing personal and artistic goals and accomplishments.
   b. Letters of recommendation. Recommendations should be from a current or recent teacher, or another musician of acknowledged professional standing. These letters should also comment specifically about your character and artistic ability.
   c. Upload an official school transcript of courses and academic grades for submission with application.
   d. Upload copies of programs, critical reviews, certificates of award, scholarships, and other documentation.
   e. Upload a video and/or audio presentation that demonstrates the breadth of your technical and artistic abilities on your instrument. Include only complete works or complete movements. Concerti or other works with orchestra may be included. These works may also be performed with piano accompaniment, except for solo pianists. Please edit out as much as possible long pauses, applause, and lengthy musical introductions.
3. Applications must be submitted online at “mykaleidoscope.com”. It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure their application is complete, and the videos are playable before submitting.

After review of all applications and supporting documentation, a select number of applicants will be invited to give a live performance audition in front of our panel committee. Performance auditions should be a minimum of 20 minutes to a maximum of 25 minutes in length. It is recommended that two different musical pieces be given that clearly demonstrate contrasting style and type of classical music. Applicants must pay all their own expenses and provide their own instruments (except piano) and accompaniment when applicable.

Deadline to submit to this scholarship is Friday, March 25, 2022. Selected applicants will be contacted to schedule a live performance audition on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Any further questions please contact Lauren Huff at lhuff@bigarts.org